

CASE PW/3-22076/A/PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF
GEORGES METZGER ET AL
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 00/08621
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FOR: TRAZINYLAMINOSTILBENE DERIVATIVE
AS FLUORESCENT WHITENING AGENTS
U.S. APPLICATION NO: UNASSIGNED
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Group Art Unit: unassigned
Examiner: unassigned

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend this application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fee and consideration on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 26-30. ✓

Kindly replace claims 6-7, 10-12, 14-17, 19, 21-22, 24-25 and 32 by the following claims. ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

6. (amended) A compound according to claim 1 in which the amino acid from which each amino acid residue R₁ is derived is aspartic acid or iminodiacetic acid.